

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
CRIMINAL CASE NO. 1:18-cr-00148-MR-WCM**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>vs.</b>	)	<b><u>ORDER</u></b>
	)	
<b>BRANDON KENDRICK JAMES,</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Defendant.</b>	)	
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**THIS MATTER** is before the Court on the Defendant's "Motion Requesting Judicial Recommendation for 12 Months RRC Placement" [Doc. 36].

The Defendant moves the Court for a recommendation concerning placement in a residential reentry center (i.e., a halfway house) for the last 12 months of his sentence. [Doc. 36]. The Bureau of Prisons (BOP), not the Court, has the authority to designate the location of an inmate's place of imprisonment, including his placement at a halfway house or a similar facility. See 18 U.S.C. § 3621(b). Similarly, the discretion to release a prisoner to home confinement lies solely with the Attorney General. See 18 U.S.C. § 3624(c)(2); 34 U.S.C. § 60541(g). As such, the Court has no authority to

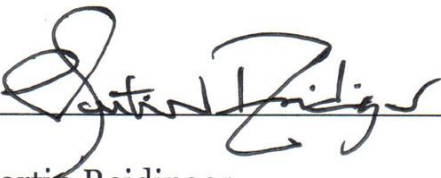


make a recommendation and has no say in this process. Accordingly, the Defendant's request for a recommendation from this Court regarding his placement at a halfway house must be denied.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that the Defendant's "Motion Requesting Judicial Recommendation for 12 Months RRC Placement" [Doc. 36] is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed: December 23, 2020

  
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Martin Reidinger  
Chief United States District Judge

